

Upper Level Level - October 2026

Week 3: Lord of the Flies Finish + Analytical Essay | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

inevitable	Certain to happen; unavoidable given prior causes
pessimism	A tendency to see the worst in situations; loss of hope in human nature
inherent	Existing as a natural, permanent quality; intrinsic
irony	A contrast between expectation and reality, often revealing truth
naval officer	The adult rescuer whose arrival represents the return of civilization
rescue	Liberation from a dangerous or oppressive situation
hubris	Excessive pride leading to downfall
civilization	Social organization and adherence to laws and norms
thesis statement	A specific, arguable claim that the essay will prove
literary criticism	Scholarly analysis and interpretation of literature

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the naval officer represent? Why is his arrival deeply ironic?

2. What is Golding's final statement about human nature?

3. Does civilization genuinely prevent human violence, or merely mask it? What does the novel argue?

4. Write a thesis for: 'How does Golding use symbolism to argue that savagery is inherent in human nature?'

5. What is the significance of Ralph crying at the novel's end?
